GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4280
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GRANTS TO VOS UNDER NORAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms adopted for sanctioning financial assistance and the details of trades for which grants are being given to Voluntary Organisation under the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) scheme;

(b) whether this scheme is being implemented all over the country;

(c) if so, the funds allocated in this regard to each State;

(d) whether grants to voluntary organisations are being routed through the State Governments;

(e) if so, the number of representations received by the Government for not releasing the grants to NGOs by the StateGovernments; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government for effective implementation of this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) The Department of Women and Child Development is implementing a scheme known as Women Economic Programme (WEP) with partial assistance from Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD).Under this scheme assistance is provided to voluntary and other organisations to provide training to women in various traditional and non-trational trades. The norms of each trade is decided in case to case basis in consultation with technical Ministries.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No State-wise allocation of funds is made under the scheme. Project proposals are considered on the basis of their eligibility and merits. A Statement showing the proposals approved State-wise for the year 2000-2001 is at Annexure-I.

(d) Grants are being routed through the State Women Development Corporations.

(e) No such representation has been received from NGOs. However,there have been a few representations regarding delay in the release of grants.

(f) Procedure for sanction has been streamlined with weakly meetings of Project Sanctioning Committee. State Women Development Corporations have been asked to monitor the implementation, for which monitoring charges @3% of the project cost is being paid.

ANNEXURE I

Statement Showing proposals received from the States/Uts, Proposals sanctioned, amountsreleased and Women benefited under Women`s Economic Programme (NORAD) during the year 2000-2001

STATE	NO. OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED	NO. OF BENF.	AMOUNT RELEASED
ANDHRA PRADESH	114	4225	176.04
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8	150	6.41
ASSAM	31	1485	48.94
CHANDIGARH	6	296	13.26
BIHAR	70	845	71.15

DELHI	34	1100	75.97
GUJARAT	38	1940	100.94
HARYANA	23	940	41.9
HIMACHAL PRADESH	25	340	15.83
J & K	35	1635	56.47
KARNATAKA	48	4480	130.86
KERALA	42	1680	52.42
MADHYA PRADESH	85	3490	105.33
MAHARASHTRA	63	2940	83.06
MANIPUR	30	1885	33.52
MEGHALAYA	5	300	7.36
MIZORAM	14	625	21.9
NAGALAND	3	160	4
ORISSA	41	1650	54
PANDICHERRY	10	355	16.98
PUNJAB	39	2940	142.48
RAJASTHAN	13	610	16.42
TAMIL NADU	75	2590	65.12
TRIPURA	12	425	30.82
UTTAR PRADESH	176	6670	205.8
WEST BENGAL	36	1455	56.92
TOTAL	1076	45211	1633

This State Wise distribution also includes the details of grants given by Central Social Welfare Boardto various organizations out of the grant given to them under NORAD scheme.In the year 2000-2001 a sum of Rs. 4.00 Croreonly was sanctioned to CSWB under NORAD scheme. However, CSWB has also utilized the left over unspent of about Rs. 2.38 Crores of the previous year to the sanction projects in the current year.

The total funds under NORAD in the year 2000-2001 were however Rs. 13.95 Crores only.